## Dear POU Representative,

As specified by the <u>Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition,</u> (<u>Revised</u>) (RPS Eligibility Guidebook) (available at:

https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=217317), all load-serving entities (LSE), including retail sellers and POUs, are required to report retirement of 2020 renewable energy credits for California's RPS to the California Energy Commission (CEC) by July 1, 2021. This deadline remains effective for certain reporting requirements, but as discussed below, this letter is also intended to inform POUs of a postponement approved by the CEC Executive Director of the due date for certain 2020 RPS annual reporting requirements. For 2020 RPS annual reporting for all LSEs, the July 1, 2021, deadline will apply **only** to submission of and attestation to WREGIS reports and to the submission of WREGIS adjustments, if necessary. Please refer to the 2020 WREGIS Reporting Guidance (available at: https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/renewables-portfolio-standard/renewables-portfolio-standard) for details on the reporting requirements.

## Postponement of Additional RPS Annual Reporting Requirements for POUs

The CEC Executive Director has approved postponement of POU reporting for the following RPS requirements until further notice. The future deadline is expected to follow the effective date for the updated *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations), expected by July of this year. The postponement is necessary to ensure that certain changes to the contents of annual reports, and to the procedures for submitting annual and compliance reports, are effective before the publication of instructions.

This postponement applies to POU reporting on the following RPS requirements:

- 1) Annual Summary Report and supporting documentation
- 2) New and amended POU contract data and documents
- 3) e-Tag Reporting (applicable to the WREGIS CA e-Tags Report and CEC e-Tag Report Form)
- 4) Hourly Reporting
- 5) Voluntary Early Compliance with the Long-Term Procurement Requirements (LTR) (including contract and claims data)
- 6) One-time identification of LTR status of previously submitted contracts (only contract data)
- 7) Identification of reliance on RPS provisions specific to large hydroelectric facilities and green-pricing programs

The CEC will issue a set of 2020 annual reporting instructions for POUs at a future date with instructions for POUs to submit documents supporting the above-mentioned RPS

requirements. CEC staff intends to publish these instructions concurrently with the effective date of the update to the RPS POU Regulations. The instructions and the letter announcing the availability of these instructions will identify a deadline of at least 30 days after the effective date of the amended RPS POU Regulations for the submittal of 2020 annual reports and any required supplemental documentation.

For more information about the changes that will be reflected in these updated 2020 RPS annual reporting instructions, please review the Third Proposed 15-day Language published on December 1, 2020 and adopted by the CEC on December 22, 2020. All rulemaking documents are available in the <a href="Docket Log for the RPS POU Regulations">Docket Log for the RPS POU Regulations</a> (available at: https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03).

For questions about annual RPS reporting, please email <a href="mailto:RPSTrack@energy.ca.gov">RPSTrack@energy.ca.gov</a>.

Thank you,

**CEC Staff**